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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the Application of )

Applicants: John F. Ranta et al. )

Serial No. 09/970,071 )

Filed: October, 3 2001 )

Title: Methods and apparatus for simulating dental  
procedures and for training dental students )

Examiner  
Cameron Saadat

Art Unit 3713

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2005, please amend the above-identified application by making the changes set forth in the following section entitled "Amendments to the claims" which begins on a separate page and precedes the "Remarks" section.

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